

by law to obtain for the Trust Fund all energy overcharge refunds and judgment awards to which the citizens of the State have a legal entitlement;

(2) Assess and determine the respective needs of the citizens of the State, develop plans for the allocation and disbursement of trust funds in accordance with those needs pursuant to the guidelines set forth in §§ 13-103(b) and 13-106 of this subtitle, and direct the Treasurer, upon warrant of the Comptroller, to disburse funds accordingly;

(3) Make an annual report to the Governor, the Treasurer, and the standing committees of the General Assembly with primary jurisdiction over this subtitle regarding the disbursement of funds during the preceding fiscal year, plans for disbursement during the current fiscal year, and any plans for future disbursement;

(4) Meet at least twice a year, at the times and places the Board determines, subject to the provisions of Article 41, § 1-205 of the Code;

(5) Conduct public hearings at least twice a year at times and places the Board determines;

(6) Designate persons to staff the Board employed by the departments represented on the Board; and

(7) Perform other duties assigned to it by this subtitle.

(g) The Attorney General or a designee of the Attorney General serves as legal counsel and advisor to the Board of Trustees.

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(a) Funds in the Trust Fund shall be expended equitably around the State according to the following guidelines, subject to any restrictions on their use or other limitations on allocation expressly provided by statute or required as a condition of acceptance:

(1) In the case of refunds received by the State from any source, including as a direct or indirect result of alleged petroleum pricing violations:

(i) For emergency energy assistance provided under Article 41, § 6-406(1) of the Code;

(ii) For weatherization programs provided under Article 41, § 6-406(2) of the Code;